

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : David J. Schneider  
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ANIMAL HABITATS  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MAIL STOP RCE  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed October 9, 2009 and the Advisory Action mailed December 15, 2009 on the above-referenced patent application, Applicant submits a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.